

**RESOLUTION
ROBERT L. STEPHENSON
MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR
2009-2010**

WHEREAS, throughout Michigan and across the country, teachers open children's minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams; and

WHEREAS, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship and their hard work and efforts are directly responsible for creating the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, teachers fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and

WHEREAS, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of the Year program, the National Board Certification for Teachers, and the Milken National Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education have named Robert L. Stephenson, third grade teacher at Wardcliff Elementary School, Okemos Public Schools, as the 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Robert L. Stephenson and the thousands of educators around the great State of Michigan for their outstanding work; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education supports all efforts, training, and resources available to our state's educators so that they may continue to educate and positively influence the children of today as they become the leaders of tomorrow.

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